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1. I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHARTCHAI CHANHUVAN AT 0930 LOCAL AUGUST 14. THE PRINCIPAL RTG FOREIGN POLICY PREOCCUPATION RIGHT NOW IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO CAMBODIA AFTER AUGUST 15. THE REFTEL EXPRESSED QUOTE OUR DESIRE TO CONSULT WITH THE RTG AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE AS EVENTS UNFOLD AND OUR PLANS EVOLVE UNQUOTE. IT ALSO STATED OUR INTENTION TO BRIEF THANOM AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME QUOTE ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO HIM REGARDING THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION, INCLUDING RECENT DEIPLOMATIC MOVES UNQUOTE. WE PASSED THIS INFORMATION ON TO THANOM.

2. ALARMIST HEADLINES ABOUT THE GKR INTERNAL SITUATION BASED ON A UPI STORY FROM PHNOM PENH, APPEARED IN BOTH OF BANGKOK'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS AUGUST 13TH. THE ARTICLES CONTENDED THAT LEADING KHMER POLITICAL FIGURES WERE URGING THE U.S. TO HAVE LON NOL REMOVED AND SIHANOUK RECALLED IN HIS PLACE.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE URGENTLY RECEIVING BY THE OPENING BUSINESS BANGKOK TIME AUGUST 14 THE LATEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON U.S.
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POLICY TOWARD AND ASSESMENT REGARDING CAMBODIA, AS WELL U.S. POSITION

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ON PRESS STORIES CITED ABOVE, FOR USE IN MY UPCOMING MEETING
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